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MUNROE.

MONROES OF IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

Donald, son of Occaon Ro, a nobleman, in the County of Derry, upon the waters of Ro, in Ireland, went to Scotland with his forces, to the assistance of King Malcolm II, in the 11th century, against the Danes. The King, for this service, gave him the lands of East Dingwall, which he called Ferrin-Donald, i. e., Donald's Lands, and he was called Donald a Bonro, in respect of his father's residence upon the waters of Ro, in Ireland, and thereafter, by the change of the letter B into M, his descendants were called *Monro*. They got other lands in Scotland, which they called Fowlis, from a place in Ireland called Loch Fowl. From the above Donald were descended a long list of Barons, of whom Sir George, the IX Baron, was slain at the battle of Bannockburn, in 1314; George, the X Baron, was killed at Halydon Hill, July 1333; Robert, the XVII Baron, was killed at Pinkie, near Edinboro', 1547; Robert, the XVIII, fought for Mary, Queen of Scotts, and d. 1588; Robert, the XIX, was the first Protestant of this family, was called the "Black Baron," and d. the same year that his father, Robert, the XVIII died. Hector, the XX Bar., brother of the last, d. 1603; Robert, the XXI, gr. son of Robert XVIII, was a distinguished Colonel under Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, and d. of his wounds, 1633; Hector, the XXII Bar., was created "Baron of Nova Scotia," for services under Gustavus, and d. in 1635. Hector, the XXIII, d. 1651; Robert, the XXIV Bar., nephew to Gen. Robert, d. 1660; John, the XXV Bar., son of the last named, eminent for his services and sufferings, d. in 1696; Robert, the XXVI Bar., was noted for his piety and benevolence; Robert, the XXVII Bar., was 30 years a member of Parliament, and was a brave General, who lost his life at the battle of Falkirk, Jany. 1746. Harry, the XXVIII Bar., was a member of Parliament, and was distinguished for his great classical attainments, and d. in Edinburgh, in 1787.

In the reigns of Charles I and II, there were 3 Generals, 8 Colonels, 5 Lieut. Cols., 11 Majors, and 30 Captains by the name of Monro. Robert, the XXVII Bar., while Governor of Inverness, had a regiment of 400 of his name under pay.

During the 16th and 17th centuries, the Monros of Great Britain were firm defenders of the Protestant religion, both at home and in Sweden, and they had their full share in many a well-fought battle. When some one spoke to the late Col. William Munroe, of Lexington, about the bravery displayed by the Munroes in the Revolution, he replied, "No wonder at all, sir, they have Irish, Scotch, and Yankee blood in their veins."

The foregoing is principally taken from a history of the Monros, written by Dr. Doddridge, and published in an Appendix to the Life of Col. Gardiner. It is a very interesting history, and I regret I have not room for the whole of it.

MUNROES IN AMERICA.

William Munroe is presumed to have been one of that company of Scotch prisoners who were sent to this country in 1652, a list of which is on record in the Registry of Deeds Office in Boston. They were probably some of those who were taken at the battle of Worcester, Eng. which was fought by King James,

who commanded the Scots on the one side, and by Cromwell on the other.(*a*) The King's army was principally composed of Covenanters or Presbyterians.

Many of the prisoners taken by Cromwell it is well known were shipped to different parts of the New World, where they were sold into temporary slavery to defray the expenses of their transportation. The list above alluded to, is the only one known to have been preserved, and very little is known as to the particulars of their being brought here, and their subsequent condition. I copy from the New Eng. Historic-Genealogical Register, Vol. 1, p. 380, the following, it being the most definite about the Scotch prisoners of any thing I have been able to find.

"Extract of a letter written by the Rev. John Cotton to the Lord General Cromwell, dated at 'Boston, in N. E. 28 of 5th, 1651,' respecting some prisoners of the same class of persons included in the above list sent over before these arrived. They all were probably taken at the battle of Dunbar, [that is those who were sent over before] Sep. 3, 1650, when Cromwell was victorious, and four thousand were slain and ten thousand made prisoners."

"The Scotts whom God delivered in your hands at Dunbarre, and whereof sundry were sent hither, we have been desirous (as we could) to make their yoke easy. Such as were sick of the scurvy, or other diseases, have not wanted physick and chirurgery. They have not been sold for slaves to perpetual servitude, but for 6 or 7 or 8 yeares, as we do our own; and he that bought the most of them (I heare) buildeth houses for them, for every four an house, layeth some acres of ground thereto, which he giveth them as their owne, requiring 3 dayes in the weeke to worke for him (by turnes) and 4 days for themselves, and promiseth, as soone as they can repay him the money he laid out for them, he will set them at liberty."

Very probable the same course was taken with those who came in 1652. They were shipped from London, Nov. 11, 1651, by Jo: Beex, Rob^{t} Rich, and Willjam Greene, in the John and Sara, John Greene, master, and were consigned to M^{r} Tho: Kemble, of Boston. The list of the company was recorded as before stated, May 13, 1652.

It contains four by the name of Monrow, viz. Rob't, John, Hugh, and one other whose first name is obliterated by time. This I suppose to have been WILLIAM. What became of the others is not known; tradition says that one of them (prob. John) settled at or near Bristol, then in this state but now in Rho. Island, and was the ancestor of Pres. Monroe. The last part of this tradition is not true, but the first probably is. I have made "diligent search" at Bristol, and by the kindness of J. R. Bullock, Esq. of that place, I have been furnished with a copy of the record of the births, deaths and marriages of the Munroes in that place for about a century. The first is that of Joseph, the son of John and Mehitable, b. Dec. 18, 1696, and John, Thomas, William and George Munroe had chil. b. there between 1696 and 1701. It is probable that they were of the second generation, brothers, or cousins, and that they were descendants of one or more of the Scotch prisoners, whose residence, as before stated, I have not been able to ascertain, though it was undoubtedly in that vicinity.

I think that there is no question but what the Munroes at Bristol were relatives of those at Lexington. I have before me a letter, written in 1764 by Hector Munro, who, I suppose, was a soldier in the King's Army in the French war, and that he had be , then, recently discharged. It is as follows: —

(*a*) "Charles having marched into England, at Worcester was attacked by Cromwell with 30,000 men, and after having shown many proofs of personal valor, fled. The Duke of Hamilton made a desperate resistance, was mortally wounded, and the Scots were almost all either killed or taken. The prisoners, to the number of 8000, were sold as slaves to the American planters." Russell's Modern Europe, Vol. 3, p. 416.

Sir. *Rehoboth Febr* 1764.

Having the oportunity I Make Bould to Truble you with these few Lines to Let you Know that I am in Good State of health Since I Parted with you, And hopping that these few Lines Will find you in the sam, the very Same Day I parted with [you] I came into Boston and the nixt Day I went out in order to find Some Employment, But I Could find non neither for Me or for Donald, and I stayed Eight Days on My own Exspences without gaining a farthing which I feelling My Purse turning very Low, we packs up Bage and Bagage in order to go to New york; so we Marched of from Boston that very same Day and Came to Providence, and as I was very Qurious Inquiring after My Relations and Kinsmen, I was informed that their was Great Many of them in Rehoboth and Bristol, within six mill of Providence, and that same hour we marched of in order to find them out which we Did that same night with on Nathan Munro, as Steatly a man as ever you Seied of the Name, and he keepted us with him Two Days, and the third Day he Convoyed us to his father's house a good stately old man, and a man that hath great Dail of Regard for his Relations, and he Keepted us four Day, and the fift Day he and Nathan his son went along with us to Convoys us in order to show us the Rest of our relations Down at Bristol, and the very first house we Came to was Doctor Munro, Captain Thomas Munros son at Concord, and Made Great Dail of us and So Did the Rest Liekewise, and we stayed But few Days and Came up again to our first harbour, In which we Remaine till this Day and Live as hapy as the King of Great Britain, for their is Nothing wanting with us That is good for Mans use, of which Truths the Bearer Can Informe you of the Same as will as I Can tell you hear. Dear Cousin I was in formed by the newes papers that his Majesty has ordered Some Lands to be granted to the Reduced officers and soldiers that has a mind to Remen in this Country, But Where it is to be Disterbuted I Know not where to Look for it except you Know sumthing of it, and if you Do I hop youell be so good as to Let me know of it in the answere of this.

Sir, I have no fresh newes to inform you of, the Doctor and his family is very will, and Lickewise he hath got Business enough, and will Regarded among his Relations and others. The Doctor and the Rest of your friends Joyn their Complements to you. Dear sir be so good as to give My Complements to Captain Thomas Munro at Concord and William Munro at Lexintown, and Lickewise to all the Rest of our friends that enquirs for Me, Not for gating yourself, in Doing this you will oblidge your humble servant, Hector Munro.

As to our *William Munroe*, the earliest notice that I have found is under date of 1657, in the Town Records of Cambridge, which then included Lexington. "Thomas Rose and William Row" (*a*) were fined for not having rings in the nose of their swine." Tradition says that he had lands "granted" him at "Cambridge ffarmes," now Lexington, on the north border near Woburn, and that part of Lexington, from an early period until now, has been called "Scotland." His house stood where the present house of Thomas Russell now stands, on the road from Lex. to Woburn, being near the Wob. line. All his sons but Benjamin, the youngest, lived with or near him, and it was said by old Mrs. Sanderson, his gr. gr. dau. who d. last year aged 104, that the old house looked like a rope-walk, so many additions had been made to accommodate the younger branches. This estate has always been owned by his descendants.

Although he began life in America not under the most favorable circumstances, (if the account I have given be true) he seems to have been prospered in his worldly affairs. In 1690, he was made a freeman. "Cambridge ffarmes"

(*a*) The name of Munroe was often contracted in the above manner in early times, and at a much later time the name was frequently shorn of its proper dimensions in speaking of, or to them.

having been made a "precinct" or parish, in 1692–3 a committee was appointed, of which "William Roe," Sen^r was one, "to treat for the purchase of land for the ministry." The purchase was made and an assessment was laid for the payment. The whole number of persons assessed was about fifty; Wm. Munroe and one other were assessed £0 15, 0 each, and there were only two others whose tax exceeded £0 11, 0. Within the next few years several taxes were laid for building a church and the support of the minister, and Mr. Munroe's tax bore about the same proportion to the others as the above. This shows his relative position as to property. In 1694, he was chosen a Selectman of Cambridge, and in subsequent years held several town offices, and is often mentioned on the town Records as connected with town affairs.

I subjoin such an account of his descendants for four or five generations as the very imperfect Town and family records have enabled me to prepare. I have not gone into all the minute detail, that I did in the first part of this book, my principal object being only to so arrange the several branches and families, that those of the name now living would be able to trace their ancestry through the several generations. It is much to be desired that some one would enter on the task of preparing a full genealogy of this family, many of whom were distinguished as brave soldiers and officers in the struggle for Independence, and whose blood crimsoned many a battle-field. They did not disgrace the far-famed valor of their Scotch ancestors, many of whom were distinguished warriors.

WILLIAM MUNROE m. 1. MARTHA George by whom he had four chil. 2. m. MARY by whom he had nine chil. He resided at Lexington, and d. Jany. 27, 1717, a. 92, and consequently was b. 1625, and was 27 years of age when he came to America. He was made a freeman, Ap. 1690.

II. Chil. by 1st wf.

1 John, b. Mh. 10, 1666; m. Hannah **1**

2 Martha, b. Nov. 2, 1667; m. John Come, of Concord, Jany. 21, 1688. He bought of his father-in-law a piece of land in 1722–3, for £25 New England Currency.

3 William, b. Oct. 10, 1669; m. Mary **2**

4 George, b. ; m. Sarah [Harrington?] **3**

Chil. by 2d wf.

5 Daniel, b. Aug. 12, 1673; m. Dority **4**

6 Hannah, b. ; m. Joseph Pierce, Dec. 21, 1692, whose 1st wf. was Ruth Holland, and his 3d was Beriah, wid. of Daniel Child. By Hannah he had 8 chil.

7 Elizabeth, b. ; m. Rugg.

8 Mary, b. June 24, 1678; m. Farrett [Farwell?]

9 David, b. Oct. 6, 1680.

10 Eleanor, b. Feb. 24, 1682–3; m. William Burgess, of Charlestown, Aug. 21, 1707.

11 Sarah, b. Mh. 18, 1684–5; m. Blanchard.

12 Joseph, b. Aug. 16, 1687; m. Elizabeth **5**

13 Benjamin, b. Aug. 16, 1690; m. 1. Abigail. **6**
2. (wid.?) Prudence Estabrook.

1 LIEUT. JOHN MUNROE, [1] m. HANNAH He resided at Lexington, was a constable. Nine hundred acres of land was granted, 1735, to John Monroe and others, who were engaged in the Indian fight at Lamprey River, July 6, 1690.

III. Chil.

14 John, bap. 1698–9 ; prob. had wf. Rachel. John, Sen^r. deeded him 20 acres of land in Lex. deed recorded Feb. 1722–3, vol. 22, p. 69, Mid. Deeds.
15 Hannah, bap. 1698–9 ; d. young.
16 Constance, bap. 1698–9.
17 Nathan, bap. Mh. 12, 1699.
18 William, b. Feb. 1, 1701 ; m. 1. Pheby **7**
2. wid. Tabitha Jones.
19 Elizabeth, b. Mh. 5, 1703. — 20 Hannah, b. June 23, 1705.
21 Susannah, bap. July 1, 1705.
22 Jonas, b. Nov. 22, 1707 ; m. 1. Joannah Locke, Jany. 3, 1733–4. **8**
2. Rebecca
23 Marrett, b. Dec. 6, 1713 ; m. Deliverance Parker, Ap. 17, 1737. **9**

2 Ensign WILLIAM MUNROE, [3] m. 1. MARY 2. m. JOHANNAH RUSSELL, dau. of Philip, of Lexington. He resided at L.

III. Chil. by 1st wf.

24 Mary, b. Ap. 3, 1699. — 25 Abigail, b. June 28, 1701.
26 William, b. Dec. 19, 1703 ; m. Sarah Mason, Jany. 3, 1732–3. **10**
27 Thomas, b. May or Mh. 19, 1706 ; m. Elizabeth **11**
28 David, b. Sep. 28, 1708 ; prob. m. Abigail Wellington, Nov. 25, 1731. **12**
29 Ruth, b. Mh. 16, 1711. — 30 Hannah, b. Mh. 19, 1713.
Chil. by 2d wf.
31 Philip, b. Feb. 26, 1717 ; m. Mary **13**
32 Johannah, b. Oct. 21, 1726.

3 Sergeant GEORGE MUNROE, [4] m. SARAH . He resided at Lexington.

III. Chil.

33 William, b. Jany. 6, 1699–100 ; m. Rebeckah Locke. [See Book of the Lockes.]
34 Sarah, b. Oct. 17, 1701. — 35 Dorothy, b. Nov. 19, 1703.
36 Lydia, b. Dec. 13, 1705. [A Lydia Munroe of Lex. m. Joseph Williams, of Concord, Oct. 9, 1740.]
37 George, b. Oct. 17, 1707 ; prob. m. Sarah Phipps, Nov. 25, 1731. **22**
38 Robert, b. May 4, 1712 ; m. Anne Stone. **14**
39 Samuel, b. Oct. 23, 1714 ; m. Abigail **15**
40 Andrew, b. Feb. or June 4, 1718 ; prob. m. Mary Symonds, May 26, 1763.
41 Lucy, b. Aug. 20, 1720.

4 DANIEL MUNROE, [5] m. DORITY He lived and d. at Lexington.

III. Chil.

42 Daniel, b. Jany. 27, 1717.
43 Jedediah, b. May 20, 1721 ; m. Abigail Loring. **16**
44 Sarah, b. July 14, 1724. — 45 Dority, b. June 21, 1728.
46 John, b. 30, 1731 ; prob. m. Anna Kendall, of Wob. Dec. 23, 1757, and had — 46^1 Anna, b. Nov. 18, 1759 ; — 46^2 Lydia, b. May 9, 1767.

5 JOSEPH MUNROE, [12] m. ELIZABETH resided at Lexington; was called "Corporal Jo."

III. Chil.

47 Joseph b. May 23, 1713; m. Hannah **17**
48 [Elizabeth, b. Jany. 12, 1715?]
49 Nathan, b. Sep. 11, 1716; m. Mary or Mercy Benjamin, Nov. 23, 1738. **18**
50 Joshua, b. Dec. 22, 1717; m. Ruth **19**
51 Nathaniel, b. Nov. 17, 1720. [A Nathaniel Munroe, of Concord, d. in the Expedition to Cuba in 1740. See Shattuck's Concord, p. 70.]
52 Abigail, b. Jany. 21, 1723; m. Joseph Brown, of Weston, Feb. 7, 1744–5.
53 Mary, b. Jany. 21, 1726. — 54 Eleanor, b. June 13, 1727.
55 Keziah, b. Oct. 16, 1731.
56 Hannah, b. Nov. 29, 1733; perhaps m. Gershom Williams, July 26, 1760, in Lexington.

6 BENJAMIN MUNROE, [13] m. 1. ABIGAIL 2. m. PRUDENCE ESTABROOK, in Weston, prob. Nov. 2, 1748. He resided at Weston, and d. Ap. 6, 1766.

III. Chil.

57 Lydia, b. Mh. 7, 1717–18.
58 Abigail, b. Oct. 5, 1719. [An Abigail Munroe was pub. in Boston, June 10, 1741, to Ebenezer Perry.]
59 Benjamin, b. June 24, 1722–3; m. Mary Meriam, pub. Mh. 8, 1745. **20**
60 Rebecca, b. Aug. 24, 1725; m. Munning Sawin, of Marlboro', May 12, 1746.
61 Sarah, b. July 26, 1727; m. Josiah Parks, of Lincoln, Mh. 12, 1750; 2. m. Elisha Cutler, of Lexington, Dec. 27, 1753.
62 Martha, b. Mh. 18, 1728–9; m. Isaac Stone, of Lexington, Sep. 8, 1748.
63 Mary, twin of above; m. Josiah Parker, of Lexington, 1748, (son of Lieut. Josiah.) He was b. Ap. 1725.
64 Anne, b. Mh. 4, 1731–2.
65 Eunice, b. Ap. 9, 1734; m. in Lincoln, Edmund Wheeler, June 26, 1756.
66 Kezia, b. Ap. 22, 1736.

7 WILLIAM MUNROE, [18] m. 1. PHEBY 2. m. Wid. TABITHA (HOBBS) JONES, of Weston, May 29, 1745.

IV. Chil. by 1st wf.

67 Pheby, b. Ap. 28, 1726.
68 Jonathan, b. Ap. 1, 1728; d. 1739.
69 William, b. May 12, 1730.
70 Edmund, b. May 3, 1732; d. 1735.
71 Bridget, b. Ap. 27, 1735; [prob. m. Hugh Maxwell, Nov. 4, 1760, then both called of Bedford.]
72 Hannah, b. Dec. 15, 1742.

Chil. by 2d. wf.

73 Sarah, b. Ap. 18, 1746; [perhaps m. Oliver Barbour, in Weston, Nov. 21, 1771.]
74 Oliver, b. Feb. 9, 1748. — 75 Dorcas, b. Nov. 14, 1750.
76 Lucy, b. Ap. 19, 1752; [perhaps m. Samuel Hobbs, of Weston, Nov. 24, 1773.]

8 JONAS MUNROE, [22] m. 1. JOANNAH LOCKE, Jany. 3, 1733–4 [Book of the Lockes.] He m. 2. REBECCA (*a*)
The 2d wf. perhaps after his death, m. JOHN MUZZEY, in Lex. Aug. 19, 1773.

IV. Chil. by 2d mg.

77 Ebenezer, b. Ap. 19, 1752; m. Lucy Simonds, of Woburn, May 10, 1781, and d. at Ashburnham, May 25, 1825. He was in Capt. Parker's Company on Lexington Common, Ap. 19, 1775, and he claimed to have fired the first gun on the American side; he was wounded in the elbow in the morning, but mounted his horse and rode from town to town alarming the people, until he was quite exhausted by the loss of blood. He removed to Ashburnham soon after the war, was a Lieut. and a respectable citizen. His widow m. John Adams, [see page 48.] His chil. were — 78 Charles; — 79 Lucy; — 80 Ebenezer; — 81 Jonas; — 82 John; — 83 Rebecca; — 84 Herrick.

85 Martha, b. Sep. 12, 1758.

9 MARRETT MUNROE, [23] m. DELIVERANCE PARKER, Ap. 17, 1737, who was b. May 18, 1721, dau. of Lieut. Josiah Parker, of Lex. He resided at Lex. or in the edge of Woburn.

IV. Chil.

86 Rachel, b. Nov. 29, 1737. — 87 Josiah, b. June 29, 1742; d. yg.
88 Josiah, b. Feb. 12, 1744–5; [prob. m. Susannah Fitch, of Bedford, Nov. 15, 1768.]
89 Nathan, b. Aug. 9, 1747, or Aug. 15, 1748; m. Elizabeth Harrington, Oct. 3, 1769, who was b. Ap. 11, 1750. They resided at Lexington, and both d. about 1800. They had — 90 Dilly, b. 1769; m. Elijah Pierce, Jany. 28, 1788; — 91 Thusa, b. 1773; — 92 Betty, b. 1776; — 93 John, b. 1778; — 94 Nathan, b. 1780; — 95 Jonathan, b. 1783; — 96 Polly, b. 1785; — 97 Dorcas, b. 1788; — 98 Thaddeus, b. 1790; — 99 Harris, b. 1793.
100 Mary, b. Mh. 3, 1749. — 101 Bethiah, b. Jany. 22, 1753.
102 Deliverance, b. July 22, 1755. — 103 Anna, b. Jany. 28, 1758.
104 Thaddeus, b. Oct. 26, 1760.
105 Elizabeth, b. Oct. 4, 1765; [prob. m. Jacob Buckman, Jany. 1, 1787, father of Hon. Bowen Buckman, of Woburn.]

10 WILLIAM MUNROE, [26] m. SARAH MASON, Jany. 3, 1732–3, who was b. June 7, 1714, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Spring) Mason, of Lex. He was a Selectman in Lex. and d. Aug. 18, 1747, and his wid. m. Francis Bowman, Esq. Feb. 12, 1747–8.

IV. Chil.

106 Edmund, b. Feb. 2, 1735–6, or 1738; m. Rebecca Harrington, Aug. 31, 1768, (dau. of Jonathan) who was b. Feb. 17, 1751. Edmund Munroe was an officer in the French war, and was commissioned a Captain in the war of the Revolution. He was a brave officer, was in several battles, was with the Army at the Surrender of Burgoyne, and was killed by a cannon-ball at the battle of Monmouth, 1778, at which time his kinsman, George Munroe, [202] was killed by the same ball, and another soldier was wounded. His chil. were — 107 Lydia, d. yg.; — 108 Rebecca, m. William Fessenden; — 109 Pamelia, m. James Brown; — 110 Abigail, m. Joseph Locke, Jr. — 111 Edmund, b. 1775, now the oldest printer in Boston.
113 Sarah, b. May 1, 1738; m. William Tidd, of New Braintree, Dec. 2, 1762.

(*a*) He may have been the father of Rebecca, who md. John Muzzey, Jr. in Lexington, May 22, 1777.

114 Catherine, b. Sep. 29, 1740; m. Joseph Bowman, of New Braintree, Nov. 22, 1764.
115 William, b. Oct. 22 or 28, 1742; m. 1. Anna Smith. **21**
2. wid. Polly Rogers.
116 Abigail, b. Feb. 24, 1744; m. Daniel Spooner, Esq. of Hartland, Vt. and d. 1846, a. 102.
117 Nehemiah, b. July 1, 1747; m. Avis Hammond, Dec. 5, 1771; resided at Roxbury, and d. Aug. 2, 1828.

11 Capt. THOMAS MUNROE, [27] m. ELIZABETH . He resided at Concord, where his chil. were born.

IV. Chil.

118 Thomas, b. May 4, 1731; m. 1. Mary who d. Dec. 29, 1762, at Concord, and he then prob. m. 2. Mrs. Hepsebah Raymond, at Lexington, Dec. 29, 1763.
119 John, b. Mh. 4, 1732–3; grad. at Har. College, 1751, studied Divinity, but was never ordained, taught school several years in Concord and Harvard, removed to Harvard, 1772, and d. there about 1796. His sister (prob. Mary) was living in 1835, a. 97. [Shattuck's Concord.] A son of Captain Munroe was a Physician at Rehoboth, in 1764, Christian name unknown to the writer. [See letter, page 304.]
120 Elizabeth, b. May 18, 1735. — 121 Mary, b. June 3, 1739.
122 William, b. July 31, 1741. — 123 Sarah, b. Oct. 23, 1743.
124 Ephraim, b. Feb. 27, 1744–5.
125 Abraham, b. Aug. 12, 1746.
126 Jonathan, b. Feb. 11, 1747–8.

12 DAVID MUNROE, [28] probably the same who m. ABIGAIL WELLINGTON, Nov. 25, 1731; another record says, Feb. 19, 1733. Resided at Lexington, where his chil. were born.

IV. Chil.

127 David, b. 1734; m. Elizabeth Foye, of Charlestown, Oct. 17, 1765, and d. 1806, a 72. He had — 128 Lewis, b. July 16, 1766, d. at sea; — 129 David, b. 1773, d. Mh. 1, 1835; — 130 John F. b. July 19, 1779; m. Susan L. Brigham; — 131 Elizabeth, b. Sep. 24, 1767; m. Moses Newton; — 132 Jane B. b. Feb. 26, 1770; m. Elisha Clapp, and d. 1840; — 133 Abigail, b. July 10, 1771; m. Willard Brigham, and d. 1843.
134 Benjamin, b. ; d. in Stow without issue.
135 Abraham, b. Aug. 14, 1737 or 8; m. Lois Chapin, of Stow.

13 PHILIP MUNROE, [31] m. MARY . Had the following chil. at Lexington.

IV. Chil.

136 Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1740. — 137 Lois, b. Dec. 11, 1742.
138 Johanna, b. Dec. 28, 1744.
139 (Philip, bap. at West Camb. Aug. 26, 1753?)

14 Ensign ROBERT MUNROE, [38] m. ANNA STONE, July 28, 1737. He was an officer in the French war, and was killed at Lexington battle, Ap. 19, 1775.

IV. Chil.

140 Ebenezer, b. Feb. 5, 1737–8; d. June 25, 1740.
141 Anna, b. Aug. 13, 1740; m. Daniel Harrington, May 8, 1760.

142 Ruth, b. July 26, 1742; m. William Tidd, Jany. or June 9, 1766. Mr. Tidd was b. July 11, 1726, son of Daniel and Hepsebah (Reed) Tidd. He resided at Lexington, and was a Lieut. in Capt.Parker's Co. at Lexington battle.
143 (Robert, b. Jany. 25, 1744?)
144 Ebenezer, b. Nov. 15, 1744; m. Martha Smith, May 29, 1771, dau. of Benjamin, of Lex.
145 John, b.June 15, 1748; m. Rebekkah Wellington, Feb, 23, 1773; they had — 146 Peggy, b. July 31, 1773; — 147 Polly, b. Sep. 28, 1774, d. 1775; — 148 Rebekkah, b. May 30, 1776; — 149 Philemon, b. May 29, 1782. The fa. d. Ap. 31, 1831, and the mother d. Feb. 1838.

15 SAMUEL MUNROE, [39] m. ABIGAIL

There was a Samuel Munroe and wf. Abigail moved into Townsend 1780, with chil. Samuel, Elijah, Levi and Patty. Abijah was pub. in Townsend to Esther Giles, June 7, 1791.

IV. Chil.

150 Jonathan, b. July 15, 1759, at Lexington.
151 (Eunice, b.) ; m. 1. Winship.
2. Ebenezer Steadman, of Cambridge.
152 Levi, b. Feb. 21, 1771 [1761?] at Lexington.

16 JEDEDIAH MUNROE, [43] m. ABIGAIL LORING, sister of Dea. Joseph, of Lex. He was one of the brave men who met the British at Lexington, Ap. 19, 1775; was wounded early in the morning, and was killed in the afternoon, a. 54.

IV. Chil.

153 Daniel, b. Sep. 29, 1744; m. Abigail Parker, of Roxbury, where he lived and died.
154 Jedediah m. Sarah Parker, and lived at Boston.
155 Solomon m. and lived at Boston.
156 Joseph m. and lived on his father's homestead.
157 Zacharias, d. unmd.
158 Elizabeth, } one m. Grover.
159 Abigail, }

17 JOSEPH MUNROE, [47] m. HANNAH , and prob. resided at Concord, where Joseph and Hannah Munroe had the following chil. bap. — at the organization of the Church in Carlisle, Feb. 28, 1781, Joseph Munroe was one of the members. Carlisle was then a precinct of Concord.

IV. Chil.

160 Margaret, bap. Mh. 1742.
161 Lydia, bap. June, 1744. [Perhaps m. Samuel Wheeler, of Acton, Feb. 13, 1777.]
162 Mary, bap. Nov. 1746. [Perhaps m. Isaac Wilkins, in Carlisle, Dec. 29, 1791.]
163 Abigail, bap. June, 1748–9. [Perhaps m. John Henry, Jr. in Billerica, Nov. 30, 1775.]
164 Joseph, bap. June, 1752; d. young.
165 Betty, bap. Nov. 1754. [Perhaps m. Joseph Wheeler Proctor in Acton, Dec. 9, 1779.]
166 Joseph, bap. Nov. 1754; m. Azuba Henry, of Carlisle, Nov. 29, 1784; was a physician at Hillsboro', N. H. where he d. Feb. 24, 1798, a. 41.

18 NATHAN MUNROE, [49] m. MARY or MERCY BENJAMIN, Nov. 23, 1738, who was b. Aug. 8, 1714. He resided at Concord. "Mercy Munroe" was one of the members of the Ch. organized at Carlisle, Feb. 28, 1781.

IV. Chil.

167 Nathaniel, bap. Dec. 1742; m. Lucy Bartlett, (dau. of Jotham of Northboro'.) He d. at Shrewsbury, Aug. 28, 1814, a. 72, and she d. Aug. 5, 1828, a. 82. He was a Capt. They had — 168 Abraham, b. Oct. 4, 1765; m. Sarah Knight, and d. June 24, 1831, a. 66, and she d. Nov. 6, 1834; — 169 Jonas, b. 1768; d. 1794, unmd.; — 169½ Lucy, bap. 1770; d. yg.; — 170 Nathan, bap. June 30, 1771; m. Martha Knowlton, Mh. 31, 1803, and settled in Spencer; — 171 Reuben, bap. 1767; d. yg.; — 172 Solomon, b. Oct. 31, 1778; m. Thankful Newton, Jany. 1, 1800; lived at Grafton; — 173 Reuben, b. June 24, 1781; m. settled in Worcester, and d. Sep. 21, 1841, a. 60; — 174 Dana, b. Nov. 30, 1783; m. Pamelia Townsend, June 26, 1814; — 175 Isaiah, b. Dec. 20, 1786; m. Mercy Temple, Jany. 1, 1811; — 176 Edmund, b. 1790; d. unmd. 1833.

177 Grace, bap. Ap. 1745. — 178 Amos, bap. June, 1747.

179 Jonathan, bap. Ap. 1749; prob. lived at Northboro'.

180 Stephen, bap. Aug. 1751; lived at Groton.

181 Hepsebah, bap. Aug. 1751. — 182 Solomon, bap. Sep. 1753.

183 Aaron, bap. Sep. 1755. [He perhaps m. 1. Mary Jeffis, of Billerica, May 9, 1776, and prob. was the same who m. the wid. of Dea. Isaac Munroe, of West Camb. See Par. 109.]

184 Nathan, bap. July, 1758. [A Nathan Munroe m. in Carlisle, Mary Flint, May 30, 1786.] He d. at Stoddard, N. H.

19 JOSHUA MUNROE [50] m. RUTH He resided at Concord, she d. his wid. Dec. 5, 1821, a. 99, at Carlisle, where a Ch. was organized Feb. 28, 1781, of which they were original members. Carlisle was set off from Concord.

IV. Chil.

185 Thaddeus, bap. June, 1753; m. Hannah Richardson, Feb. 17, 1780. He was then called of Hillsboro', N. H.

186 Reuben, bap. Ap. 1755.

20 BENJAMIN MUNROE, [59] m. MARY MERIAM, of Lex. (pub. Mh. 8, 1745.) He resided at Lincoln, and was one of the original members of the Church organized there, 1747.

IV. Chil.

187 [Benjamin?]

188 Mary, b. Jany. 11, 1747; m. Joseph Thorpe, of Charlestown, (pub. Sep. 20, 1768.)

189 Lydia, b. Feb. 2, 1749. — 190 Beulah, b. Feb. 14, 1751.

191 Hannah, b. May 19, 1753; d. June 10, 1781.

192 Abijah, b. Jany. 10, 1755; resided at Livermore, Me.

193 Isaac, b. Mh. 10, 1758; m. 1. Grace Bigelow, in Weston, Nov. 11, 1798, who d. Jany. 2, 1812, a. 38. 2. m. Sally Hartwell, Jany. 20, 1813. **24**

194 Lucy, b. Feb. 7, 1760; m. John Hapgood, of Marlboro', Feb. 11, 1782.

195 Micah, b. Ap. 25, 1762.

21 Col. WILLIAM MUNROE, [115] m. 1. ANNA SMITH, who d. Jany. 2, 1781, a. 38. 2. m. Wid. POLLY ROGERS. He was an officer in the Revolution, of great valor, and was one of the brave men who met the British on Lexington Common, Ap. 19, 1775; was an orderly sergeant. He was a man of

great respectability, and d. about 1825. He kept a tavern for many years at the place now owned by his son Jonas, in Lexington.

V. Chil.

196 William, b. May 28, 1768; m. Susan B. Grinnell. Was killed at Richmond, Va. in a stage, 1814.
197 Anna, b. May 9, 1771; m. Rev. William Muzzey, of Sullivan, N. H. and d. in Lex. 1850, a. 79.
198 Sarah, b. Oct. 21, 1773; m. Jonathan Wheelock, of Concord, and d. a. about 77.
199 Lucinda, b. Ap. 9, 1776; resides at Lex. unmd.
200 Jonas, b. June 11, 1778; m. Abigail C. Smith, and resides on his father's homestead.
201 Edmund, b. Oct. 29, 1780; m. 1. Harriet Downes; 2. m. Lydia Downes; 3. Sophia Sewall. He is a broker in Boston.

22 GEORGE MUNROE, [37] prob. the same who m. SARAH PHIPPS, Nov. 25, 1731. I find no record of the births of any chil. but they are supposed to have been the parents of the following:

IV. Chil.

202 George, who prob. m. Anna Bemus, and had —203 Thaddeus, b. Ap. 26, 1762, who m. Rebecca Locke, (see Book of the Lockes,) and —204 a dau. who m. a Blodgett, and resided in Medford. This George I suppose to be the George who was killed at Monmouth, 1778, by the same ball that killed his kinsman, Capt. Edmund Munroe. [106]
205 Timothy, b. about 1736, and m. Eaton, of Reading, and had —206 Edmund, who d. unmd. at Lynnfield; —207 Timothy, b. 1768, m. Sally Newhall, of Lynn, now Lynnfield, father of Capt. Timothy, of Lynn; —208 Lydia, d. unmd.; —209 Mary, who m. Caleb Green; —210 Phipps, who m. Mary (Bartol?) lived at Salem; —211 Rebecca, who d. unmd.; —212 George, who m. Martha Richardson. Timothy, the father, was present at the running fight with the British on their retreat from Concord, and with several others was surrounded by a party of the British in West Cambridge. His comrades were killed, but he escaped with a ball in his thigh, (which he carried through life,) and thirty-two bullet holes through his clothes and hat. He d. at Lynn 1808, a. 72.

23 Capt. ABRAHAM MUNROE, [135] m. LOIS CHAPIN, of Stow. He was a Lieut. in the French war, and I believe was also an officer in the war of the Revolution. He kept a tavern for many years in Northboro'. He d. May 18, 1828, a. 91.

V. Chil.

213 Oliver, b. 1767; m. 1. Lydia Flint, dau. of Dr. Edward Flint, Feb. 2, 1794; she d. 1800; and m. 2. Persis Wyman. He was a merchant.
214 Abraham, b. ; m. Catharine Gasket or Gassett.
215 Israel, b. June 28, 1777; grad. at Har. Coll. 1800, was a Lawyer in Boston and New York, d. 1834, unmd.
216 Lois, b. Ap. 2, 1779; m. William Rice.
217 Abigail, b. Dec. 28, 1780; m. 1. Dr. John Flint, 1801; and 2. m. Captain William Eager, of Northboro'. Dr. John Flint, of Boston, is a son of the first marriage.
218 Benjamin, b. Dec. 1782; m. Polly Warren, and d. Feb. 12, 1841.
219 Sally, b. Nov. 9, 1785; m. 1. Abel Ball; 2. m. Thaddeus Mason, and d. Feb. 2, 1839.

220 William, b. Nov. 7, 1789; m. Rebecca Eager; resides at St. Louis, Missouri.
221 Anna, b. ; m. Daniel Brigham.

24 ISAAC MUNROE, [193] m. 1. GRACE BIGELOW, in Weston, Nov. 11, 1798, who d. Jany. 2, 1812, a. 38. 2. m. SALLY HARTWELL, Jany. 20, 1813. He resided at Lincoln.

V. Chil.

222 Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1799; m. Rev. Daniel M. Stearns, 1825.
223 Benjamin, b. June 2, 1801.
224 Mary, b. Sep. 12, 1803; m. Rev. William L. Stearns, June 5, 1828.
225 George, b. Aug. 17, 1806. — 226 Isaac, b. Oct. 2, 1808.

MRS. MARY SANDERSON, OF LEXINGTON,

FORMERLY MARY MUNROE.

The following biographical sketch of "Old Lady Sanderson," was furnished, at my request, by a gentleman who had known her many years. A few months after it was written, the Ladies of Lexington, with praiseworthy liberality, on Sep. 23, 1852, held a Levee at the Town Hall, for the benefit of the old lady. The Hall, which was tastefully decorated, was crowded, many being present from the neighboring towns and from Boston. The tables were loaded with refreshments, the Germania Band discoursed sweet music, and good feeling ruled. The result was a fund of about $300 for the old lady. But ere another moon had waned the silver cord was loosed, the golden bowl was broken, and the spirit returned to God who gave it.

She d. Oct. 15, 1852, a. 104 years and 5 days.

Mr. Locke,

Dear Sir,—I send you a short notice of Mrs. Sanderson, as requested. What interesting associations are attached to the centenarian! With what avidity do we glean any information respecting one who has lived to reach one hundred years of age! especially of any one whom we know to have been an actor in, or conversant with scenes and incidents fraught with patriotism and suffering.

No little interest has been taken of late in Jonathan Harrington, "the youthful drummer," on the memorable 19th of Ap. '75, but Mrs. Sanderson was already a wife and mother when the first blood was shed upon Lexington Green; and how interesting it must have been, a few years since, to have listened to their reminiscences. A lady, who was present at such meetings, has assured me that she has sometimes been almost affrighted, so greatly excited did these aged worthies become, while recounting the scenes and actions appertaining to their youthful prime.

Great interest has been felt in Mrs. Sanderson, within a few years, by reason of her longevity. From the time she approximated the age of one hundred, she has become the object of inquiry, and received no small attentions — having, among others, been visited by a late chief magistrate of this Commonwealth, and honored at the recent Kossuth Celebration in Lexington, by the vast cavalcade halting in front of her residence, and cheering her, as she sat at the window of her chamber, while the band played for her several national airs, including her favorite, "Yankee Doodle."

Mrs. S. is the gr. gra. dau. of Wm. Munroe, Sen. of Lexington, who coming to this country about 1652, settled upon that portion of L. (then called "Cambridge Farms,") to which he gave the name of "Scotland;" the land being first settled chiefly by Scotchmen, and reminding them, in its features, of their native

Highlands. This Wm. Munroe, Sen. was, in his day, a man of influence and property, being one of the largest contributors to the religious and benevolent objects of his time, besides raising thirteen children to the State. A son of his, George, who had nine children, was grandfather of Mrs. S. Her parents were William Munroe and Rebecca Locke, who were also blessed with a numerous progeny, having had ten children, who all lived to grow up; and two brothers and a sister of Mrs. S. lived past the age of fourscore. Mary Munroe was the seventh child, b. Oct. 10, 1748, and is now, therefore, nearly 104 yrs. of age. She was m. Oct. 27, 1772, to Samuel Sanderson, a cabinet-maker, and native of Waltham, who was reputed an excellent workman, and a man of strong, native, good sense, but of a rather phlegmatic and desponding temperament, with whom the world never wagged so cheerily as with many.

In 1776 they removed to Lancaster, where they lived about a quarter of a century, until his death, which occurred about the year 1800. She then resided at Waltham, with her son Samuel, until his demise, in 1829; the subsequent eight years she lived at Weston, with her gra. dau. Mrs. Fiske; and after Mr. Fiske's demise, on account of Mrs. F.'s declining health, she went back to reside with her old friend, the wid. of her son Samuel, with which incomparable woman, and her two daughters, she has resided at East Lexington, for the last fifteen years.

And here let me drop a passing word of commendation upon that excellent spirit manifested by these ladies towards their aged relative. I may not undertake to censure others, if any be to blame; but I will say, that, if any, bound by as near and as tender ties, have been remiss in duty, most nobly has their lack of service been supplied by the late widow of her son Samuel, and her daughters, Mrs. Goodnow and her sister Elizabeth. Of Mrs. G. I would speak particularly, on account of the strong attachment the old lady always seemed to manifest towards her, even from her childhood.

With a beautiful devotion to each other, not even surpassed by that of Ruth and Naomi, the pillow of age has been waited upon and smoothed for years by one, whose worth, and sweet and dignified manners might adorn any station in life. And what she has done, has been done with no compensation save in the occasional presents of a few individuals, who appreciated the difficulties and trials incident to the task which their kind natures have so long imposed upon these excellent sisters. May they be rewarded.

For more than twenty years, Mrs. S., by reason of a severe chronic rheumatism, has been confined to her room; and during the last fifteen years that she has been the loved and venerated inmate at her grand-daughters', it may be said that she has been constantly looking for the welcome summons that should take her hence. And yet it has not come! And what wonder that this mysterious lengthening out of her years, including so many weary days and nights of suffering and dependence, should cause her sometimes in tones of touching sadness to exclaim, "Surely God has forgotten me! O, why am I left to be a burthen to myself and to others?"

Wonder not, that, when "the grasshopper" shall have continued to be a burthen for so many years beyond the allotted age of man, the good Christian even should sometimes break forth into sighs and lamentations.

Mrs. S.'s conversation and appearance (as I at first knew her) would betoken her as possessed of a cheerful, sprightly mind, and perhaps of rather strong feelings and prejudices. One trait of character, noticeable in other members of her father's family, she still retains, viz. her facetiousness. Although the oil of life has long run so low, and its flame has often appeared so feeble and flickering as to be on the very point of expiring, yet even in this feeble, childlike state, her friends continue to be amused, at times, by some little scintillation of her old wit. As an instance of this, the writer, upon a visit to her when she was past a hundred, remarking on the uncommon fairness of her skin for one so aged, compli-

mented her upon her former personal attractions, — "Ay," she laughingly replied, "and it was lucky for you, young man, that you were not about in those days."

In person, she is tall and slender, and one would judge that in early life she possessed a pleasing exterior. Indeed, we know that many of her father's family were, in their day, considered as possessing fine personal attractions, united to uncommon dignity and suavity of manners. While in her sisters' complexions, the rose is said to have beautifully contended with the lily, in hers the former never made its appearance. She was always one of the most slender of her family, and hence, perhaps, her uncommon care of herself; seldom, if ever, going abroad after sunset. To this care of herself, her plain, simple manner of living, and the salubrious air of her native town, may we attribute her great longevity, *if* we attempt to trace it to any cause beyond that of God's having given her a constitution, which, though apparently so feeble, possessed a wonderfully elastic and tenacious vitality. As to her diet, she always lived upon plain, country fare; requiring meat at least once a day to sustain her even now. She never drank any coffee, and her tea always very weak. Spirits she was never known to have used, and until past a hundred she seldom allowed herself to take a nap in the daytime.

Until past seventy, when she nearly lost all power of locomotion, she continued to be a stirring, industrious woman; fulfilling exemplarily, while her husband lived, the duties of a wife and mother; and after his death, affording much valuable service for many years to the son who took her to his home, in the labors incident to a farmer's dwelling, and in the nurture of those children who have since so well repaid her tender care. When past ninety, she could see to ply her needle, and sewed upon many useful articles for her friends very neatly. A devout Christian in her feelings, and a professor of religion, she was wont to sit for many years with her Bible and Hymn Book constantly by her side; and her sight having returned to her, she read when over a hundred, a chapter and a hymn (*a*) upon a Thanksgiving Day without the use of her glasses.

Within a year or two she has become a helpless paralytic, the subject of constant anxiety and attentions. It is difficult to understand all that she says, but her remarks evince that she still retains, in a considerable degree, the power of observation and reflection, while the power of expressing herself with distinctness is wanting.

It may be expected that I should give some of "Old Aunt Sanderson's" revolutionary reminiscences; but I would remark, that there is little new now to be told respecting incidents that have been so often described; and even those most intimate with her, find it difficult to recall to mind much of "the oft-told tales," saving her pleasing and animated manner of narration.

That the martial and patriotic spirit that ever characterized the descendants and followers of the Clan Roich, did not wholly die out in the Munroes of this country appears evident, for in the battle of Lexington there were no less than fourteen of that name, and of that number none did more than Capt. Edmund Munroe and others of his kin, towards infusing a military spirit and raising recruits for that company, in which were two of Mrs. S.'s brothers, Asa and Philemon. It is not wonderful, therefore, that she became imbued with the feelings that animated her relatives and neighbors in those trying times, and that her early impressions had their influence. When at the age of fourscore years and ten, she described the incidents attending the incursion of the British to the quiet home of her nativity.

(*a*) Within a month of her death she repeated a hymn she had learned in her youth.

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